(घ) मध्य प्रदेश में जिला-वार, श्रेणी-वार और वर्ष-वार कितने-कितने लोगों को इससे लाभ पहुंचा है?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गमंग): (क) मध्य प्रदेश में पिछड़े ग्रामीण तथा जनजातीय क्षेत्रों के विकास के लिए कोई विशिष्ट विकासपरक स्कीमें नहीं बनाई गई हैं। बहरहाल, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग इन क्षेत्रों में एकीकृत ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम, जवाहर रोजगार योजना, रोजगार आश्वासन स्कीम, स्वरोजगार के लिए ग्रामीण युवाओं का प्रशिक्षण, इंदिरा आवास योजना, मिलियन वैल्स स्कीम जैसी विभिन्न स्कीमें कार्यान्वित कर रहा है। इन स्कीमों के अतिरिक्त, मध्य प्रदेश सरकार भी जनजातीय उप-योजना कार्यनीति के अंतर्गत विभिन्न सामाजिक-आर्थिक कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वित कर रही है, जिसके लिए राज्य सरकार के प्रयासों में सहयोग के रूप में विशेष केन्द्रीय सहायता प्रदान की जाती है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Ban on Beedis

1432. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking a negative stand against beedi workers and their economic long term interest;

(b) whether it is fact that Government propose to introduce ban on beedi through various legislative restrictions; and

(c) the details of Labour Ministry stand in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The legislation proposed by Ministry of Health does not envisage a ban on beedis.

(c) It is felt that the proposed legislation may not significantly affect employment situation in the beedi industry for the present.

Reduction in Prices of Coffee Sold Through Outlets of Coffee Board

1433. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reduced the prices of coffee sold through outlets of Coffee Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof, variety-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to advise certain organisations like M/s. Nestle, M/s Brooke Bond and M/s. Tata Tea to reduce the prices of coffee being sold by them in view of reduction in prices of coffee announced by Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether some Free Sale Quota of Coffee has been fixed for registered coffee growers;

(f) whether some system of pooling of coffee in excess of Free Sale Quota exists; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India have reduced the prices of coffee powder sold through the promotional units of the Coffee Board. The prices of Plantation C variety and that of Commercial blend have been fixed at Rs. 125/kg. and Rs. 130/kg. respectively. These prices are inclusive of all taxes and are effective from 15th of July, 1995.

(c) and (d) Consultation have been held with organisations including M/s. Nestle, M/s Brooke Bond etc. with regard to their cost of production and retail price and they have been advised to reduce their prices.

(e) Yes, Sir. Free Sale Quota has been fixed at 100% for small Coffee growers having holding size less than 10 ha. and at 70% for all other registered growers.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. Every registered grower is required to pool coffee in excess of the FSQ with the Coffee Board.